



NLEAFCF Scholarship Awards

Children of Law Enforcement and Firefighting Personnel who were lost in the line of duty

The awards are designed to reward excellence, recognize accomplishments and help students by providing funding for their post secondary education at qualified institutions.

The Award

This merit-based award involves a minimum of \$1,000 and up to \$5,000 post-secondary education scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded depends upon the yield of the endowment. The recipient of this award will receive this scholarship annually for up to four years if the recipient is able to produce documentation that proves he/she maintains a grade point average of 2.5, is registered and maintains a full credit load within each academic year.

Who is Eligible

Applicants must be a child of a law enforcement agent/officer or firefighter who lost his/her life in the line of duty (Attachment A). Awards are based on scholastic and other achievements such as demonstration of leadership, outstanding performance in the arts or sports, or volunteer activities benefiting the community. Candidates are not required to demonstrate financial need. Candidates must be pursuing a Bachelor's degree, Graduate degree, Doctoral degree, Associate's degree, certificate or diploma at any accredited college, university or technical institution in the United States. Each candidate must be registered as a full time student during the entire academic year and maintain a 2.5 out of a 4.0 grade point average, or the equivalent.

Applicants will be judged by a 6 member Scholarship Committee consisting of 2 representatives from the academic and business community, along with 4 members of the NLEAFCF board of directors. Scholarship Committee members will not participate in discussions and will not be involved in decisions regarding applicants to which they are related. Applicants must reside and attend school in the United States.

Winning candidates must show evidence of enrollment or acceptance in an appropriate degree or certificate program for the following academic year before receiving the award. Awards may be paid directly to the student's school for the benefit of the student.

Application Procedure

Each candidate must submit the following six items:

1. Completed application form (Attachment B).
2. Documentation of academic record and current school status; include most recent transcript and letter of acceptance into chosen school or study program (when available) evidence of awards, honors, leadership positions or other achievements.
3. Personal essay, not exceeding 700 words, summarizing academic achievement and career goals.
4. Documentation verifying connection to law enforcement and firefighter's descent.
5. Letters of recommendation from three individuals other than family members, including one academic, one personal reference and one from the related Law Enforcement or Firefighter employer.
6. The applicant must provide written notification confirming a line of duty death occurred from the chief executive officer of the involved agency and that the deceased officer or firefighter had dependents.

Decisions of the judges are final. NLEAF CF reserves the right to withhold awards in any category in the absence of qualified applicants.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all required documents are submitted.

An application form is provided with this notice. For additional forms, please contact Carolyn Wares at 646-822-4236 or email: cwares@4kidsent.com

Mail application to:

National Law Enforcement and Firefighter Children's Foundation
Scholarship Awards Program
1414 Avenue of the Americas, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10019

Attachment A

I. Applicants must be dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of an eligible law enforcement officer or firefighter who was killed in the line of duty.

1. Eligible law enforcement officer:

A. "Law enforcement officer" means an individual involved in crime control or reduction and who is directly employed on a full-time basis by a local, county, state or federal law enforcement agency, who is duly sworn and has full arrest powers.

2. Eligible firefighter:

A. "Firefighter" means an individual involved in responding to fire alarms, medical emergency and other calls to protect life and property; and to participate in fire prevention; training, and station and equipment maintenance activities fighting fires and who is directly employed on a full-time basis by a local, county or state agency.

3. "Line of duty" death:

A. "Line of Duty" means any action that an officer is obligated or authorized by law, rule, regulation, or written condition of employment service to perform, or for which the officer is compensated by the public agency he or she serves.

B. The term "killed in the line of duty" means a law enforcement officer or firefighter who has died as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury or disease sustained or aggravated in the line of duty.

1. This includes victim law enforcement officers/firefighters who, while in an off duty capacity, act in response to a law violation, or emergency threatening life or property, provided the government agency employing such individual certifies the death or disability as being in the line of duty.

II. A child must have been conceived prior to the death.

III. An adopted child must have been adopted prior to or the adoption process must have begun prior to the date of the death.

IV. A stepchild must have been listed as a dependent on the federal and state income tax returns in the income tax years immediately prior to the death.

**NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

1. _____
NAME (First, Middle, Last) SOCIAL SECURITY # DATE OF BIRTH
2. _____
PRESENT ADDRESS (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Phone)

CHECK ONE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

3. **CITIZENSHIP:** U.S. Citizen ____ Permanent Resident Alien ____ Other ____
4. (Optional) **SEX:** Male ____ Female ____
5. (Optional) **RACE:** White ____ Black ____ Hispanic ____
American Indian or Alaskan Native ____ Asian ____ Unknown ____
6. Name of Public College, Private College, University or Technical Institute you plan to attend: _____
7. Classification when you enter College/University:
Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____
8. Date you will enter College/University _____
9. Name of parent under whose eligibility you are filing _____
10. Name of parent's employer at the time of his/her death _____
a) Badge Number _____ b) Unit Assignment _____ c) Date of death _____
11. All applicants must provide written notification confirming a line of duty death occurred from the chief executive officer of the involved agency and that the deceased officer or firefighter had dependants. Dependent children must submit a copy of their Birth Certificate.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

I certify that the information submitted on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Children's Foundation scholarship award is for only one academic year. The scholarship can be renewed annually up to four years as long as the student is pursuing a Bachelor's degree, Associate degree, certificate or diploma at any state-supported college, university or technical institute in the United States, is registered as a full time student during the entire academic year and maintains a 2.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. The reimbursement will be paid to the institution at the beginning of each semester.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ **DATE** _____